

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are presented below whether or not an amendment has been made. Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled)

17. **(Currently Amended)** A configuration management system, comprising:
a configuration device configured to perform configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product, the configuration device operable to receive, from a user, configuration input related to at least one object and effect a change in the development of the product based on the user input;
a display device configured to display a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;
a server machine for executing said configuration device and producing display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system; and
a network interface connecting said server machine to a network, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet, wherein said server machine transmits information produced by said configuration device and said display information over said network for display on a remote computer, wherein the transmitted information includes one of an Active X component, Visual Java program, Java applet, and PERL program configured to utilize the information produced by said configuration device in said presentation.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The configuration management system according to Claim 17, wherein said one of an Active X component, Visual Java Program, Java applet, and PERL program are further configured to provide access to selected of said configuration management functions.

19. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 18, wherein said selected configuration management functions include at least one of object state changes, object check-in, object check-out, create package, difference of disparate objects, move package, promote package, demote package, snapshot, approve, list version, list difference, remove item, notify, concurrent merge, cross environment verge, interactive merge, execute user defined process (UDP); and

said state changes are performed by drag and drop procedures utilizing said representation of said objects.

20. **(Currently Amended)** A configuration management system, comprising:
a configuration device configured to perform configuration management functions
on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items
that are associated with the development of a product, the configuration device operable
to receive, from a user, configuration input related to at least one selected object;
a display device configured to display a representation of said objects in a
presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system,
and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;
a server machine for executing said configuration device and producing display
information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management
system;
a network interface connecting said server machine to a network, wherein said
network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet,
wherein
said server machine transmits information produced by said configuration device
and said display information over said network for display on a remote computer; and
a report generator configured to produce, in response to the configuration input
received from the user, at least one of access reports, version control reports, and
package based reports based on at least one selected of said objects, wherein each of said
reports generated by said report generator are formatted as HTML documents and sent via
said network interface by said server machine for display on said remote computer.

21. **(Currently Amended)** A configuration management system, comprising:
a configuration device configured to perform configuration management functions
on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items
that are associated with the development of a product, the configuration device operable
to receive, from a user, configuration input related to at least one selected object;

a display device configured to display a representation of said objects in a
presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system,
and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display; and

a report generator configured to produce, in response to the configuration input
received from the user, at least one of access reports, version control reports and package
based reports based on at least one selected of said objects within said configuration
management system.

22. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 21,
wherein said report generator generates: said access reports when the selected object is one
of a user group, object, and environment;

said package based reports when the selected object is a package; and
said version control reports when the selected object is a package.

23. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 22,
wherein said report generator is configured to produce said reports in InfoReport report
formats.

24. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 22, wherein:

said access reports include information indicating which users and user groups have access to execute specified functions in an environment;

said version control reports include a list of items organized by at least one of version, check out parameters, branches, modification by user, modification by environment, and current release; and

said package based reports include a list of items organized by at least one of items modified by packages, packages by state, time in state, and packages by form items.

Claims 25-40 (**Canceled**)

41. **(Currently Amended)** A method of interacting with a configuration management system, comprising the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

executing said configuration management system on a server machine in order to produce display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;

connecting said server machine to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;

transmitting said display information produced by said configuration management system over said network for display on a remote computer; **and**

formatting said display information as at least one of an Active X component, Visual Java program, Java applet, and PERL program configured to produce said presentation; **and**

receiving, from a user of the remote computer, configuration input related to at least one object and effecting a change in the development of the product based on the configuration input.

42. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to Claim 41, wherein said one of an Active X component, Visual Java Program, Java applet, and PERL program are further configured to provide access to selected of said configuration management functions.

43. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 42, wherein:
said selected configuration management functions include at least one of object state changes, object check-in, object check-out, create package, difference of disparate objects, move package, promote package, demote package, snapshot, approve, list version, list difference, remove item, notify, concurrent merge, cross environment verge, interactive merge, execute user defined process (UDP); and
said method further comprises the step of:
performing said state changes by drag and drop procedures utilizing said representation of said objects.

44. **(Currently Amended)** A method of interacting with a configuration management system, comprising the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

executing said configuration management system on a server machine in order to produce display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;

connecting said server machine to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;

transmitting said display information produced by said configuration management system over said network for display on a remote computer;

receiving, from a user of the remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object and generating at least one of access reports, version control reports, and package based reports based on at least one selected object in response to the configuration input; and

formatting said reports generated as HTML documents and sent via said network by said server machine for display on said remote computer.

45. **(Currently Amended)** A method of interacting with a configuration management system, comprising the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display; and

receiving, from a user of a remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object and generating at least one of access reports, version control reports and package based reports based on at least one selected of said objects within said configuration management system in response to the configuration input.

46. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 45, wherein said step of generating comprises the steps of:

producing said access reports when the selected object is one of a user group, object, and environment;

producing said package based reports when the selected object is a package; and

producing said version control reports when the selected object is a package.

47. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 46, wherein said report generator is configured to produce said reports in InfoReport report formats.

48. **(Original)** The method according to Claim 46, wherein:
said step of producing said access reports includes the step of indicating which
users and user groups have access to execute specified functions in an environment;
said step of producing said version control reports includes organizing a list of
items by at least one of version, check out parameters, branches, modification by user,
modification by environment, and current release; and
said step of producing said package based reports includes organizing a list of
items by at least one of items modified by packages, packages by state, time in state, and
packages by form items.

Claims 49-64 **(Canceled)**

65. **(Currently Amended)** A computer readable medium having computer instructions stored thereon that, when loaded into a computer, cause the computer to perform the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within a configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

executing said configuration management system on a server machine in order to produce display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;

connecting said server machine to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;

transmitting said display information produced by said configuration management system over said network for display on a remote computer; **and**

formatting said display information as at least one of an Active X component, Visual Java program, Java applet, and PERL program configured to produce said presentation; **and**

receiving, from a user of the remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object and effecting a change in the development of the product based on the configuration input.

66 **(Previously Presented)** The computer readable medium according to Claim 65, wherein said one of an Active X component, Visual Java Program, Java applet, and PERL program are further configured to provide access to selected of said configuration management functions.

67. **(Original)** The computer readable medium according to Claim 66, wherein:

said selected configuration management functions include at least one of object state changes, object check-in, object check-out, create package, difference of disparate objects, move package, promote package, demote package, snapshot, approve, list version, list difference, remove item, notify, concurrent merge, cross environment merge, interactive merge, execute user defined process (UDP); and said instructions stored thereon further cause the computer to perform the step of:

performing said state changes by drag and drop procedures utilizing said representation of said objects.

68. **(Currently Amended)** A computer readable medium having computer instructions stored thereon that, when loaded into a computer, cause the computer to perform the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within a configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

executing said configuration management system on a server machine in order to produce display information for said representation of said objects within said configuration management system;

connecting said server machine to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;

transmitting said display information produced by said configuration management system over said network for display on a remote computer;

receiving, from a user of a remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object and generating at least one of access reports, version control reports, and package based reports based on at least one selected of said objects in response to the configuration input; and

formatting said reports generated as HTML documents and sent via said network by said server machine for display on said remote computer.

69. **(Currently Amended)** A computer readable medium having computer instructions stored thereon that, when loaded into a computer, cause the computer to perform the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within a configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display; and

receiving, from a user of a remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object and generating at least one of access reports, version control reports and package based reports based on at least one selected of said objects within said configuration management system in response to the configuration input.

70. **(Original)** The computer readable medium according to Claim 69, wherein said step of generating comprises the steps of:

producing said access reports when the selected object is one of a user group, object, and environment;

producing said package based reports when the selected object is a package; and

producing said version control reports when the selected object is a package.

71. **(Original)** The computer readable medium according to Claim 46, wherein said report generator is configured to produce said reports in InfoReport report formats.

72. **(Original)** The computer readable medium according to Claim 70, wherein:

said step of producing said access reports includes the step of indicating which users and user groups have access to execute specified functions in an environment;

said step of producing said version control reports includes organizing a list of items by at least one of version, check out parameters, branches, modification by user, modification by environment, and current release; and

said step of producing said package based reports includes organizing a list of items by at least one of items modified by packages, packages by state, time in state, and packages by form items.

Claims 73-80 (**Canceled**)

81. **(Currently Amended)** A configuration management system, comprising:
means for performing configuration management functions on objects within said
configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with
the development of a product;

means for displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree
display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that
displays items selected in said tree display;

means for connecting said means for performing configuration management
functions to a network via a network interface, wherein said network interface is a web
interface and said network is one of the Internet and an intranet;

means for transmitting information produced by said means for performing
configuration management functions over said network for display on a remote computer;
and

means for formatting the information transmitted as one of an Active X
component, Visual Java program, Java applet, and PERL program configured to utilize the
information; **and**

means for receiving, from a user of the remote computer, configuration input
related to at least one object and effecting a change in the development of the product
based on the configuration input.

82. **(Currently Amended)** A configuration management system, comprising:
means for performing configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

means for displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display: and

means for receiving, from a user of a remote computer, configuration input related to at least one selected object; and

means for generating at least one of access reports, version control reports and package based reports, **in response to the configuration input received from the user,** based on at least one selected of said objects within said configuration management system.

83. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 82, wherein said means for generating comprises:

means for producing said access reports when the selected object is one of a user group, object, and environment;

means for producing said package based reports when the selected object is a package; and

means for producing said version control reports when the selected object is a package.

84. **(Previously Presented)** A configuration management system, comprising:
a configuration device configured to perform configuration management functions
on objects within said configuration management system, wherein said objects within said
configuration management system include versions associated with the development of a
product;

a display device configured to display a representation of said objects in a
presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system,
and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

a registration device configured to register an application as associated with a type
of version; and

a view version device configured to,
check out a version from said configuration management system, and
execute an application registered as associated with the version checked
out.

85. **(Original)** The configuration management system according to Claim 84,
wherein:

said application executed by said view version device reads the version checked
out for display and operation in the application; and

said view version device is invoked by identifying a representation of the version
to be viewed.

86. **(Previously Presented)** A method of interacting with a configuration management system, comprising the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within said configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

registering an application as being associated with at least one type of version included in said objects within said configuration management system; and

performing a version view by,

checking out a selected version from said objects within said configuration management system;

executing the application associated with the checked out selected version;
and

utilizing the checked out selected version in the application executed.

87. **(Previously Presented)** A computer readable medium having computer instructions stored thereon that, when loaded into a computer, cause the computer to perform the steps of:

managing performance of configuration management functions on objects within a configuration management system, the objects comprising items that are associated with the development of a product;

displaying a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system, and a content display that displays items selected in said tree display;

registering an application as being associated with at least one type of version included in said objects within said configuration management system; and

performing a version view by,

checking out a selected version from said objects within said configuration management system;

executing the application associated with the checked out selected version;
and

utilizing the checked out selected version in the application executed.